

WOODLAND NATURE MONTESSORI SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER
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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

We are so happy to announce our new monthly newsletter. It is intended to help keep all of the parents involved and up to date on all that is going on here with our school family!

We are currently still looking for a room parent. If you are interested or would like more information please email NatureSchoolKayla@gmail.com

Heading into November we will be changing our focus of study from Asia to Australia. If you have any items from Australia that the kids would enjoy feel free to bring them to the office. If you or someone you know would like to do a presentation about something regarding Australia please contact Ms. Kayla at NatureSchoolKayla@gmail.com

We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving Potluck on Wednesday, November 21 (remember it will be half day dismissal). We will be posting a sign up sheet for meals to bring in the next week so please keep an eye out for it.

*With gratitude,
Ms. Karen*



Dates to Remember

Wednesday, November 21
Potluck - Half Day Dismissal

Thursday & Friday
November 22 & 23
Closed for Thanksgiving

Snack Calendar

Changes coming for
the November snack
calendar. See News
Updates on next page
for more
information

NEWS UPDATES

School Pictures

We had the pleasure of having photographer Emily Kulsveen come and take our class photographs. The prints have been emailed by Emily, please send in your orders by Monday, November 5, 2018. If you would like her contact information for future family photographs you may contact Ms. Kayla at NatureSchoolKayla@gmail.com. We will also be adding a link to her website on our Facebook page and school website after we order our class photo!

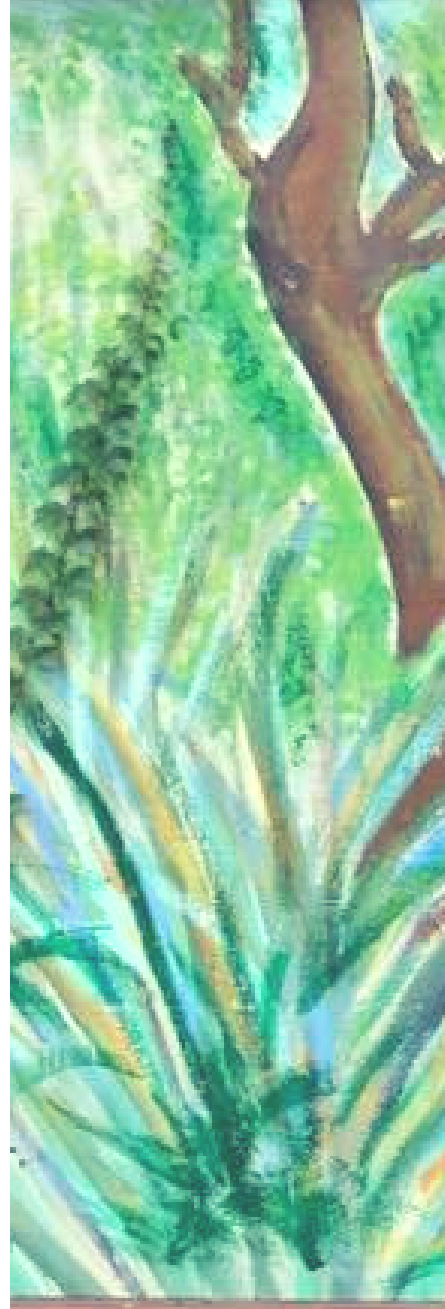
New Dishwasher

We now have a functioning dishwasher and will begin doing cooking lessons with the kids. We will also be altering our snack calendar to incorporate different food preparation and cooking lessons within our weekly snack, please keep an eye out for a notification of the changes. We are going to start a pantry of non-perishables for snack and are asking for donations, a donation wish list will be provided on the next page of the newsletter. We are also asking for donations of various cooking supplies, a list will be provided on the next page of the newsletter. We will continue to update the donation list as needed and will occasionally reach out (via Facebook & email) for donations of perishables for special cooking projects, for example: bananas for banana "nice cream" or apples for applesauce.

Pantry Wish List

- Various Nut Butters
- Large Container of oats
- Various Spices (clove, parsley, cinnamon, vanilla, basil, etc.)
- Lemon Juice
- Cocoa Powder (Unsweetened)
- Flour
- Salt

Please email NatureSchoolKayla@gmail.com before making purchases for donations in order to eliminate the donation of certain products multiple times.



Kitchen Supply Wish List

- Crock pot
- Hot Plate
- Child Sized Plates (not plastic)
- Blender
- Food Processor
- Child sized mixing spoons
- Child Sized mixing bowls

Note - Kitchen supplies do not need to be purchased new. If you have one of these items around your home that you are no longer using they will be happily and gratefully welcome here

In celebration of the month of November we will be spending a lot of time in the classroom talking about and working on gratitude. We find that when the parents mirror what we are teaching at home it helps the child to absorb and comprehend the subject even more, so we are asking that you spend a little time talking to your little one's about giving thanks this month! To help, below is an easy to make and play game that can help you and your child start a conversation about gratitude.

The Gratitude Game!

Materials needed:

Paper

Colored markers/crayons/pencils

Colored pom poms (or other colored objects such as small squares of paper, small colored toys, small crystals)

Container

Preparation:

1. On the paper use the different colored markers to make circles in a row down the left of the paper
2. Next to each color write a statement such as, "name a person you are grateful for," "name something in nature that you are grateful for," "name a place you are grateful for." Feel free to be creative here using about 3-5 statements that are appropriate for your child's age level
3. Place colored objects in container
4. Place all items on tray

Presentation:

1. Close eyes and choose an object from the container
2. Find the statement corresponding to the color of your object
3. State something that fits the description that your statement describes, "I am grateful for my family," "I am grateful for my children."
4. Allow your child to repeat steps 1-3 with help as needed

"The things he
sees are not
just
remembered;
they form a
part of his soul."
- Maria
Montessori



If you have questions or need help creating this lesson feel free to contact Ms.Kayla at NatureSchoolKayla@gmail.com